

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

providing a first and a second fluid maintained separately from each other by a third fluid in a common, sealed vessel, wherein the third fluid is adjacent to and substantially immiscible with the first and second fluids, and wherein the first, second and third fluids are stored within the common, sealed vessel for at least one day;

unsealing the vessel;

transferring the first, third, and second fluids in series from the vessel to a reaction site to carry out a predetermined chemical or biochemical reaction; and

avoiding substantial contact between the first and second fluids, at least until after the fluids have been applied to the reaction site.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising connecting the vessel to a device comprising the reaction site.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the vessel and reaction site are on a common platform.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the vessel and reaction site are integrally connected during storage of the first, second and third fluids in the vessel.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the vessel comprises a tube.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising applying a pressure differential across the reaction site.